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**ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2003**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 9th meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations headquarters on Monday, 10 February 2003, for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 2003 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 2005 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 2 September 2002 invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee within two months, i.e. by 2 November 2003. This document includes all nominations submitted before the established date.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document.

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| Name of candidate | Nominated by |
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| Joyce ALUOCH | Kenya |
| Rusudan BERIDZE | Georgia |
| Lois L. BRUTHUS | Liberia |
| Galina CHIRINCIUC | Moldova |
| Jakob Egbert DOEK | Netherlands |
| Thérèse-Françoise ENGAMBE | Congo |
| Kamel FILALI | Algeria |
| Attiat Mustafa Abdul HALIM | Sudan |
| Silvia IZQUIERDO | Uruguay |
| Ertan KAHRAMANOGLU | Turkey |
| Judith KARP | Israel |
| Ewa Miroslawa KATNA | Poland |
| Mazen KHADRA | Syrian Arab Republic |
| Moushira KHATTAB | Egypt |
| Hatem KOTRANE | Tunisia |
| Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN | Germany |
| Yanghee LEE | Republic of Korea |
| Norberto LIWSKI | Argentina |
| Awa N'Deye OUEDRAOGO | Burkina Faso |
| Ann Therese NDONG-JATTA | Gambia |
| Rosa Maria ORTIZ | Paraguay |
| Awich POLLAR | Uganda |
| Lucy SMITH | Norway |
| Nathan STIRLING | Australia |
| Marjorie TAYLOR | Jamaica |
| Velina TODOROVA | Bulgaria |
| Nevena VUCKOVIC-SAHOVIC | Yugoslavia |

**Annex I**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2003**

| Name of member | Country of nationality |
|---|---|
| Mr. Jacob Egbert DOEK | Netherlands |
| Mrs. Moushira KHATTAB | Egypt |
| Mrs. Judith KARP | Israel |
| Mrs. Awa N'Deye OUEDRAOGO | Burkina Faso |
| Mrs. Elisabeth TIGERSTEDT-TÄHTELÄ | Finland |

**Annex II**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2005**

| Name of member | Country of nationality |
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| Mr. Ibrahim Abdul Aziz AL-SHEDDI | Saudi Arabia |
| Ms. Ghalia Mohd Bin Hamad AL-THANI | Qatar |
| Ms. Saisuree CHUTIKUL | Thailand |
| Mr. Luigi CITARELLA | Italy |
| Mrs. Marilia SARDENBERG Zelner Gonçalves | Brazil |

**Annex III**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES**

Joyce ALUOCH (Kenya)

**Date and place of birth:** 22 October 1947, Kisumu, Kenya

**Working languages:** English, Kiswahili

**Current position/function:**

Justice, High Court, Head of the Family Division

Determining the rights of children in matrimonial disputes and succession, implementing the provisions of the New Children Act and training judges and magistrates in the provisions of the Act and OVC principles

**Main professional activities:**

Chairperson, Kenya Women Judges Association, which is responsible for training judicial officers in international human rights law

Member, Judicial Service Commission, which recommends appointment of judicial officers

Member, Governing Council of the National Research Centre in Kenya which is responsible for conducting research in crime, including juvenile delinquency, Regional Coordinator for African Women Judges for purposes of collaboration and comparison of issues affecting women and children in Africa

Chairperson, Committee on establishment of Family Division which is responsible for overseeing the work in family law matters

**Educational background:**

LLB Degree, University of Nairobi; Diploma in Legal Studies, Kenya School of Law; Higher School Certificate obtained from Lumuru Girls' School; "O" Level School Certificate from Butere Girls' School

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

First Chairperson of Committee of African Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, responsible for formulating rules of practice and procedure and implementing the African Charter. One of the five judges of the International Tribunal for Children's Rights who articulate the rights of war-affected children and make appropriate recommendations for action by various organizations. Board Member Olave Baden-Powell Society, which raises funds worldwide for activities of Girl Guides which include training and HIV/AIDS prevention programme

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

1. The Right of Children under the New Children Act of Kenya, 2001.

2. Children as Victims of War and Crime.

3. Does the present Kenyan Constitution Secure the Rights of Children?

4. Numerous judgements prepared and delivered on guardianship, maintenance, adoption of children, etc.

Rusudan BERIDZE (Georgia)

**Date and place of birth:** 20 August 1939, Ozurgeti, Georgia

**Working languages:** English, Russian, German

**Current position/function:**

Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia on Human Rights Issues; Chairperson of the State Commission on the Elaboration of State Policy on the Advancement of Women

**Main professional activities:**

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|---|---|
| 1997-present | Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia on Human Rights Issues |
| 1992-1995 | Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia |
| 1964-2002 | Professor of Tbilisi State University |

**Educational background:**

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|---|---|
| 1961 | Tbilisi State University/Mathematician/20 scientific researches |

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Committee on the Rights of the Child:**

Coordinator of preparation by Georgia of national reports on the implementation of main United Nations documents (nine reports), among them two reports concerning the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Six times - Head of the Georgian State delegation to various committees

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Gender equality in the Council of Europe, 2002, magazine Women and Elections, Tbilisi

Publications in Georgian papers on human rights issues (in 2002 - seven articles)

Lois BRUTHUS (Liberia)

**Date of birth:** 27 December 1952

**Place of birth:** Monrovia, Liberia

**Nationality:** Liberian

**Profession:** Lawyer

**Education:**

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|---|---|
| High school: | St. Teresa's Convent, Monrovia, Liberia<br>High School Diploma, 1969 |
| University: | University of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia<br>Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Government, 1973 |
| Advanced degree: | The Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, University of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia<br>Bachelor of Law, 1976 |
| Advanced professional education: | The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, the Netherlands<br>Certificate in Public International Law - Summer Courses in 1977 |

**Professional experience:**

Won second prize in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court competition, held in Washington, D.C., in April 1976

Underwent practical training in general international law at the Office of General Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, 1978

**Positions held:**

Legal Counsel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1977-1979

Senior Legal Counsel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1979-1990

Senior Demobilization Interviewer, United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL), 8 March 1994-February 1996

Acting Camp Supervisor, UNOMIL Demobilization Office, Schiefflin, Margibi County, Liberia, March 1966-5 April 1966

Humanitarian Officer, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA), May-October 1996

Site Supervisor, UNOMIL, OCHA, Disarmament and Demobilization, November 1996-February 1997

Child Fighter Coordinator, OCHA, March-April 1997

Project Coordinator, The Children Assistance Programme (CAP), April 1997-May 1998

**Present position:**

Director-General, Organization for Children and Adolescent Mothers (OCAM), June 1998

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the treaty body concerned:**

Represented Liberia at the technical workshop and symposium on the prevention of recruitment of children into the armed forces and demobilization and social reintegration of child soldiers in Africa organized by UNICEF in cooperation with the NGO Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Served as a consultant for the Family and Community Reintegration Workshop sponsored by UNICEF in Freetown, Sierra Leone, 13-23 June 1998

Conceived, initiated and supervised the Camp Site Children Outreach Programme which catered for 72 children in difficult circumstances at Camp Schiefflin, Margibi County, August 1994-April 1996

Carried out humanitarian assessment in Todee, Margibi County, and at the Baptist Seminary in April 1996

Served as stand-in for a Humanitarian Officer where I carried out assessment of Monrovia following the 6 April crisis. See "The Monrovia Report", May 1996

Carried out a collaborative OCHA-UNOPS survey on regular and irregular shelters of internally displaced persons with respect to population verification and needs assessment, July 1996

Served as Demobilization Site Coordinator/OCHA for two demobilization sites at the Barclay Training Centre, Randall Street, Monrovia and Kakata, Margibi County, Liberia, 22 November 1996-31 January 1997

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Served as lead researcher for sections of the baseline survey on the challenges and opportunities for fulfilling the rights of the child in war-torn Liberia, commissioned jointly by the Government of Liberia and UNICEF, July-December 1999

Currently developing methodology for research on the situation of teenage pregnancy in Liberia

Actively supervising and implementing under the United States Girls Scholarship Programme (Education for Development and Democracy Initiative) for a total of 170 young disadvantaged adolescent girls in 38 academic institutions in rural and urban Liberia

Galina CHIRINCIUC (Moldova)

**Date and place of birth:** 12 April 1953, Sirota, Orhei District, Republic of Moldova

**Working languages:** English, French, Russian

**Current position/function:** Married, one daughter, Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Moldova

**Main professional activities:**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1977-1978 | Legal expert |
| 1978-1987 | Legal adviser, Ministry of Justice |
| 1987-1992 | State notary |
| 1990-1994 | Chief of sector, Parliamentary legal division |
| 1994-1995 | Chief of Legal Division, Ministry of Privatisation |
| 1995-1996 | Legal adviser, UNIVERSALBANK |
| 1999-2000 | Chief of Public Relations Sector, Presidential Administration |
| 2000-present | Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Moldova |

**Educational background:**

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|---|---|
| 1968-1972 | Orhei College of Education |
| 1972-1978 | Faculty of Law, Moldova State University |
| 1991-1993 | Faculty of Public Administration, National College of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest |
| 2001-present | Doctoral studies, Romanian Academy Institute of Legal Research |

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Member of the National Committee on the Protection of the Rights of the Child

Member of the National Committee on Adoption

Member of the Coordinating Committee for the preparation and execution of the National Human Rights Action Plan

Member of the National Committee on the Rights of Women

Member of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Humans

Jakob Egbert DOEK (Netherlands)

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|---|---|
| **Date of birth:** | 1 May 1942 |
| **Nationality** | Dutch |
| **Current positions:** | |
| Since 1985 | Professor of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (civil law, family and juvenile law |
| Since 1998 | Professor of Law (extraordinary), juvenile law, University of Leiden |
| Since 1999 | Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child |
| Since May 2001 | Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child |
| Since 2001 | Deputy judge at Amsterdam Court of Appeal |
| **Main professional activities:** | |
| 1969-1973 | Ministry of Justice, Child Protection Department and Legislation Department |
| 1973-1978 | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Law; Assistant Professor and lecturer in juvenile law and child protection |
| 1978-1985 | Part-time Professor of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (juvenile and family law) and part-time children's judge, first in Alkmaar and since September 1982 in The Hague |
| 1985-2001 | Deputy children's judge at The Hague District Court |
| 1988-1992 | Dean of the Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam |
| **Education:** | |
| 1955-1961 | Christelijk Lyceum Emmen (grammar school) |
| 1969-1967 | Law Faculty, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam |

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| PhD thesis | Vijftig jaar ondertoezichtstelling (fifty years of supervision orders), Zwolle, 1972 |
| 1993 | Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University Law School, Washington DC |
| 1993 | Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan School of Law |
| 1999 | Visiting Professor at the Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago |

**Past activities:**

Secretary of the National Committee for the Reform of the Law Protecting Juveniles (1969-1971) and of the committee that made recommendations to the Dutch Government on the introduction of child abuse counsellors to whom cases of child abuse and neglect can be reported

Board member of a number of Dutch child protection agencies and/or projects, and member of the editorial board of a Dutch child-protection journal

Co-founder of the Dutch Society for Family and Juvenile Law

Member of various committees advising the Government on the structure and development of the system of child abuse counsellors (for the reporting of cases of child abuse and neglect) in the Netherlands (1975-1991)

Member of the editorial board and co-author of about 7 different loose-leaf publications on family law, civil procedure, juvenile criminal law and child protection

Author of over 200 articles in various professional journals, including book reviews and commentaries to various court decisions. A number of articles have been translated into French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Turkish and Korean

**Selection of recent articles published in English:**

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| 1998 | Child Sexual Abuse in the Netherlands, in: Child Sexual Abuse: What can Governments do? Rekha Wazir and Nico van Oudenhoven (eds.), pp. 71-88; Kluwer Law International, The Hague, 1998 |
| | The Nuclear Family: Who are the Parents, pp. 545-552, in: The Changing Family, John Eekelaar and Thandabantu Nhlapo (ed.); Hart Publishing, Oxford, 1998 |

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| 1999 | Children of Divorced Parents: a voice to be heard, pp. 202-207, in Family-Europe - 21st Century: Vision and Institutions. Proceedings, European Family Forum, Athens, May 1998, Livanis Publishing Organization, 1999 |
| 2001 | Family Law: The Netherlands. Monograph (together with Professor Gregor van de Burght), also published as part of the International Encyclopaedia of Law: Kluwer Law International, The Hague, 208 pp. |
| 2002 | Truancy, drop-outs and delinquency: The Dutch Approach, in: Unprotected Time of Young People in Europe, Ivo Colozzi and Grazielle Giovannini (eds.), pp. 237-243 Faenza, 2002 |
| | Modern Juvenile Justice in Europe, in: A Century of Juvenile Justice, Margaret K. Rosenheim and others (eds.), pp. 505-528 University of Chicago Press, 2002 |
| | The Vulnerable Child: from Charity to Entitlement, in: Child Abuse and Neglect. The International Journal, vol. 25 (2002), No. 6/7, pp. 605-613 |

Thérèse-Françoise ENGAMBE (Republic of the Congo)

**Date and place of birth:** 3 October 1947, Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo

**Working languages:** French, English

**Current position/function:** Formerly Director-General for Social Action, promoted by UNICEF to Leading Advocate in the Best Interests of the Child (see The State of the World's Children 2000, p. 62), currently (since August 2000) serving as programme administrator responsible for children's and women's protection at the UNICEF Brazzaville office

**Main professional activities:**

Advocacy for the application and popularization of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Strengthening national capacity for the production of national reports on the implementation and follow-up to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the commitments entered into at the World Summit for Children

Support for the action campaign "Dites oui pour les enfants"

Support for better collection and analysis of data on women and children in need of special protection

Assistance with fundraising for the execution of programmes to benefit children in difficult circumstances by making project proposals to donors

Follow-up on psychosocial care for children and women who have suffered sexual violence or been traumatized by war, for street children and for AIDS orphans

**Educational background:**

International higher diploma in social work, University of Aix-Marseille II, France (1992)

Degree in economic and social administration, (social development option), University of Aix-Marseille II, France (1992)

State Social Worker's Diploma, Brazzaville Centre of Higher Education (1969)

Certificate in social studies on the socio-economic aspects of development, International Institute for Labour Studies (IILS), Geneva (1976)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Support for advocacy efforts promoting the adoption of additional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Contribution to the acceleration of the human rights approach in national programmes and popularization of this concept among development partners

Contribution to the development of national policy on special protection for children and gender-related issues

Former chief of the advocacy project for application of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the National Action Plan for Children, from ratification in 1993 until 2000

Former activities coordinator for the International Year of the Child, between 1978 and 1980; and at the same time General Secretary of the National Children's Committee

Promoter, economic integration programmes for vulnerable populations (provisional post-conflict plan, 2000-2002, Congo)

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Enfants de la rue, enfants abandonnés in Univers de l'enfant, August 2000, pp 3-4, and many other articles in various journals and reviews

L'intégration sociale, instrument de développement en post conflits, 2001 (unpublished)

Les enfants d'abord, l'expérience congolaise dans l'application de la CDE, November 1999 (unpublished)

Pour une nouvelle vision de l'enfant, espérance du Congo, June 2002 (unpublished)

Kamel FILALI (Algeria)

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| **Date and place of birth:** | 8 February 1952, Constantine, Algeria |
| **Working languages:** | French, English, Arabic, Spanish |
| **Current position/function:** | Professor of international law, Faculty of Law, University of Constantine |
| | Professor of international human rights law, University of Constantine |
| | Professor of international human rights law, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France |
| | Professor, National Magistrates Institute, Algiers |
| | Member of the National Advisory Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights |

**Main professional activities:**

Teaching and research in the field of international human rights law, including international systems for protection of human rights, the rights of the child and rights of women

Commercial attorney at the Supreme Court

Defence counsel for minors at the juvenile court

Helping to train trainers to protect children, especially handicapped children, within the Associative Movement

**Educational background:**

Ph D in international law and relations, University of Miami, Florida (1984)

Master of Comparative Law, University of Miami (1979)

Master of Arts (international relations), University of Miami (1982)

Expert certificate in international humanitarian law, ICRC training course (1998)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Teaching at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, helping to set up programmes to teach about rights and freedoms in schools

Member of a workshop on human rights education in Algerian schools (run by the National Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights)

Various contributions on the rights of the child

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Communication on the international protection of children's rights, Ecole nationale d'administration, Algiers, September 2002

Contribution to the Algiers Seminar on terrorism: minors in emergency situations

Author of several press articles on constitutional law, human rights and democracy (1989-1999)

Attiat Mustafa Abdul HALIM (Sudan)

**Date and place of birth:** 25 November 1950, Khartoum, Sudan

**Working languages:** English and Arabic

**Current position/function:**

Secretary-General of the National Council for Child Welfare

Strategy and policy making for child welfare

To monitor implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child at all levels

Data collection about child welfare indicators

Report writing annually at the national level to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

**Main professional activities:**

Consultant paediatrician, working as a community paediatrician

Coordinating with United Nations agencies (UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO) in writing of plans of action for child welfare

Participated in many United Nations summits, conferences and meetings

Participated in meetings of League of Arab States and OAU

At national level, reviewing all international and regional documents on child welfare in preparation for signing and ratification by Sudan

**Educational background:**

MBBS Medicine, University of Khartoum

Master of Paediatrics and Child Welfare, University of Khartoum

Diploma in child development - Institute of Child Health, London

Renal paediatric training, Bristol, United Kingdom

Training in family planning, Indonesia

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Participation in preparing the first and second Sudan report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Preparing the additional information to the Committee

Attending all preparatory meetings and participated in the special session of the General Assembly on children

Negotiation of the WFFC document

Revised the 10-year achievements of the child welfare indicators and wrote the final report

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Breast milk as a unique substance

Paper on Sudanese children and the law

Concept paper on the Sudanese movement on children

Breast milk constituent from 50 Sudanese mothers

Paper on war-affected children - Sudan situation

Silvia IZQUIERDO (Uruguay)

**Place and date of birth:** 17 January 1958, Montevideo

**Working language:** Spanish

**Current position/function:** Adviser, Central Department of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

**Main professional activities:**

1985-2002 - Chief, Human Rights Department, Department of Multilateral Affairs in the Uruguayan Foreign Ministry

Author of Uruguayan periodic reports to the treaty monitoring bodies

**Educational background:**

Doctor of Law and Social Sciences, University of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Liaison between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the children's authorities on the production of reports and other documents setting out Uruguay's position on the subject

Liaison between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Uruguayan non-governmental organizations

**Most recent publications in the field:**

Domestic implementation of international law

Territorial asylum and political refuge

Typology of human rights violations

The duty to make reparation for human rights violations

Ertan KAHRAMANOĞLU (Turkey)

**Date and place of birth:** 27 August 1943, Ankara, Turkey

**Working language:** English

**Current position/function:**

Faculty Staff Member (Associate Professor), Başkent University Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Social Work, Ankara

**Main professional activities:**

Lecturing (e.g. Social Work Management, History of Social Services, Social Policy and Social Welfare Programmes, Social Security and Social Insurance, Information Technology in Social Services, Psychosocial Rehabilitation of Handicapped)

Supervision of Masters and Doctorate Theses. Research activities in the areas of social work

Working as an adviser related to social services topics

Active participation in the preparation of several laws related to social welfare (e.g. Social Services and Child Protection Act)

Active participation in the preparation of the Turkish Five Year Development Plan (e.g. Head of the Social Services Expert Committee of the 8th Five Year De elopment Plan)

Membership of the several NGOs in the social welfare area

**Educational background:**

BA in Social Work, Social Services Academy, Ankara (1966)

MPhil in Social Administration and Social Work, University of York, United Kingdom (1971)

PhD in Educational Administration and Economy, Hacettepe University (1990)

Certificate in Social Work, The School of Social Services Administration, University of Chicago, United States of America (1968)

Certificate in Design, Management and Evaluation of Action Programmes for the Elimination of Child Labour, ILO/IPEC, Turin, Italy (1993)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Member of the Child's Rights National Committee

Executive Committee Member, Turkish Association for the Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect

Member of the Social Services Higher Advisory Committee, Turkey

Adviser to the Social Risk Mitigation Project held by the Social Services and Child Protection Agency, Turkey

Editor of the Journal of Health and Society, published by the Health and Social Assistance Foundation, Ankara, Turkey

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Child welfare and services in Turkey (in Turkish)

Children who need special care in cities (in Turkish)

Child labour in industry (in Turkish)

Child labour problem in Turkey and solutions (in Turkish)

Social work group method in the childcare institutions (in Turkish)

Therapeutic social work (in English)

Judith KARP (Israel)

**Date and place of birth:** 28 October 1937, Jerusalem, Israel

**Working language:** English

**Current position/function:**

Deputy Attorney-General of the State of Israel

Rapporteur of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (between 1997-1999 - Vice-Chairperson)

Committee on the Rights of the Child Representative of the United Nations Coordination Panel on Technical Advice and Assistance in Juvenile Justice

**Main professional activities:**

Deputy Attorney-General of the State of Israel, with special responsibilities for legislation, policy coordination and liaison within the Government and with related organizations in the fields of criminal law and the criminal and juvenile justice systems, law enforcement, human rights, children's rights, as well as other responsibilities within the purview of the Office of the Attorney-General; involvement in the legislative process of preparing the Israeli Constitution (Basic Laws), Chairperson and member of various committees dealing with law enforcement, criminal law and procedure, law of evidence, police work, modes of punishment, juvenile justice, victims of crime, drug abuse and money laundering, domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking, social intervention within the framework of law enforcement

**Educational background:**

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|---|---|
| 1957-1961 | Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, LLM (summa cum laude) |
| 1964 | British Council Fellowship for Foreign Professionals |
| 1979 | International Cultural Agency Grant - United States of America |
| 1981 | Salzburg Seminar on American Law |
| 1985 | Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship - United States of America (three months) |

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Third meeting of the United Nations Coordination Panel on Technical Advice and Assistance in Juvenile Justice, Geneva, 12-13 September 2002

Children as Partners, expert seminar, Victoria, BC, Canada, 12-16 August 2002

First inter-committee meeting of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies (representing the Committee on the Rights of the Child), Geneva, 26-28 June 2002

WHO review meeting on global guidelines for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, in partnership with ISPCAN, Geneva, 30-31 May 2002

General Assembly special session on children, New York, 8-10 May 2002 (representing the Committee on the Rights of the Child)

Third Steering Committee of the International Bureau for Children's Rights - Guidelines for the Protection of Child Victims and Witnesses - Vienna, 20 April 2002

Eighth European ISPCAN Conference on Protection of Child Abuse and Neglect, Istanbul, 24-27 August 2001

Second International Child Rights Education Conference, Victoria, BC, Canada, 18-22 August 2001

Conference of social workers organized by Community Care Line, addressing corporal punishment, London, 24 May 2001

Expert meeting on the Concept of the Evolving Capacities of the Child, organized by UNICEF, Florence, Italy, 25-27 February 2001

Expert meeting on The Aims of Education organized by Save the Children - Sweden; the drafting process of the Committee's general comment on article 29 of the Convention, Stockholm, 23-24 November 2000

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

"Concepts Underlying the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child", Loyola Poverty Law Journal (1998) vol. 4, p. 113

"The Best Interest of the Child" (collected papers of the Conference on "The Best Interest of the Child in the European Union", the Swedish Parliament, Stockholm, 28-29 May 1997)

"Legislating Criminal Procedure in View of the New Basic Laws", Bar Ilan Law Studies (1996), vol. 13, No. 1, p. 275 (Hebrew)

"Restitution of Victims by the Offenders", Israel Law Review (1996), vol. 30, Nos. 3-4, p. 331

"Questions on Human Dignity within the Framework of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty", Mishpatim (1995), vol. 25, Nos. 1-3, p. 129 (Hebrew)

Ewa Miroslawa KATNA (Poland)

**Date and place of birth:** 30 June 1949, Warsaw

**Working languages:** Polish, Russian, English

**Current position/function:**

Deputy of the Sejm (Chamber of Polish Parliament of the Republic of Poland)

Member of the Social Policy and Family Sejm Committee

Chairman of the Children and Youth Sejm Committee

President of the Children's Rights Protection Committee

Member of the Board of Directors of the Nobody's Children Foundation

**Main professional activities:**

Parliamentary work in the field of social, family, children, women and handicapped issues

Coordination of the national NGO

Consultation and mediation in the field of family conflicts

Lectures on children's rights and abused children for psychologists, educators, social workers, policemen

Preparing the programmes of seminars concerning interdisciplinary help for abused children

Expert in the field of children's rights and the rules of child upbringing in Polish media

**Educational background:**

Master of Arts, Psychology, Warsaw University (specialization: forensic psychology, clinical psychology, juvenile delinquency)

Certificate of the Convention on the Rights of the Child conferred by Swedish NGO Rädda Barnen

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Consultations for parents and specialists in the field of diagnostics and help for physically, emotionally and sexually abused children

Interviews, lectures, publications for children and adults popularizing children's rights

Meetings with children, youth, students in order to increase knowledge about children's rights and protection against abuse

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

"Abused child" - instructional materials (Polish)

"Pupils have the right to cry" Polityka magazine (Polish)

Periodical articles in the women's magazines

"The child in the world of advertisement" - educational brochure (Polish)

Mazen KHADRA (Syrian Arab Republic)

**Date and place of birth:** 6 May 1964, Damascus

**Working languages:** Arabic, English

**Current position/function:**

Director of Primary Health Care Directorate - Ministry of Health

National Coordinator of Reproductive Health and Family Planning Programme

National Coordinator of Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses

Supervisor of Immunization and Child Health

Supervising Information Office - Ministry of Health

**Main professional activities:**

Planning, supervising and evaluating all primary health-care activities and services on the national level, especially mother and child-related programmes under the concept of providing integrated care

Implementing information, education and communication activities with different sectors in order to apply the primary health-care concept which is considered the key activity for achieving health for all, with great emphasis on community-based initiatives. Activating a health districts system as a comprehensive concept for health and as a main part of the development process

**Educational background:**

Specialization in Dermatology - Ministry of Health (1996)

Diploma in Health Information (1992)

Medical Doctor (MD) - Damascus University - Damascus (1989)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Representative of Ministry of Health in committees dealing with childhood

Participating in preparing the national childhood plans in Syria

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Many essays, brochures and pamphlets on child health

Many scenarios for different radio and TV programmes on child health

Many short films and spots on child health

Moushira KHATTAB (Egypt)

**Working languages:** Arabic, English, French, German

**Current position/function:**

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| Dec. 1999 - present | Secretary-General, The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, Egypt<br>Personal representative of the President of Egypt on children<br>Expert on the Committee on the Rights of the Child<br>Member of the board of trustees of the Egyptian Radio and Television Union (ERTU)<br>Chairperson of the Committee on Family and Children (ERTU)<br>Member of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Pre-university Education<br>Board member of the Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Agency of Egypt<br>Board member of the Institute for Higher Studies on Childhood, University of Ein-Shams<br>Board member of the General Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations |

**Main professional activity:**

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| Oct. to Dec. 1999 | Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs for International Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt |
| Sept. 1994 to Oct. 1999 | Ambassador of Egypt to the Republic of South Africa<br>Ambassador of Egypt to the Republic of Botswana (non-resident)<br>Ambassador of Egypt to the Kingdom of Lesotho (non-resident) |
| Jan. 1993 to Sept. 1994 | Ambassador of Egypt to the Czech Republic<br>Ambassador of Egypt to the Slovak Republic (non-resident) |
| Sept. 1992 to Dec. 1992 | Ambassador of Egypt to the Federation of the Czech and Slovak Republics |
| Oct. 1991 to Sept. 1992 | Director, Department of North African Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt |
| 1989 to 1992 | Consultant on International Cooperation, The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, Egypt |
| July 1989 to Oct. 1991 | Deputy Director, Department of Arab Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt |

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| Jan. 1985 to June 1989 | Consul of Egypt in Melbourne, Australia |
| Dec. 1981 to Jan. 1985 | Counsellor, Department of International Economic Relations, in charge of relations with EU and Arab countries |
| Jan. 1979 to June 1981 | First Secretary, then Counsellor, Egyptian Embassy, Budapest |
| Sept. 1977 to Sept. 1979 | Member of the Cabinet of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs |
| Sept. 1973 to Sept. 1977 | Third Secretary, promoted to Second then First Secretary, Egyptian Embassy, Vienna; alternate representative of Egypt to UNIDO |
| Jan. 1971 to June 1973 | Member of the Cabinet of the Minister for Foreign Affairs |
| Sept. to Dec. 1968 and 1970 | Served twice as member of the Egyptian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations |
| Oct. 1966 to Sept. 1968 | Studied at the Institute for Diplomatic and Consular Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt; graduated valedictorian |

**Educational background:**

MA International Relations (1971), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, United States of America

BSc Political Science (1965), Faculty of Economic and Political Science, Cairo University (honours)

Diplomas for completing the following seminars:

- International Law Commission, Geneva, 1973
- International Court of Justice, summer seminar, 1972
- Salzburg summer seminar, Austria, 1990
- Harvard University, seminar on foreign investments in Egypt, June/July 1978

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Chaired the official delegation of Egypt to a number of international conferences, including:

- International Conference for the Information Society and Development, South Africa
- African Conference on Anti-Personnel Land Mines

- African Conference on the declaration of Africa, a nuclear free continent, South Africa

- Summit on Women organized by the International Organization of the Francophonie, Luxembourg, February 2000

- Seminar on Bioethics and the Rights of the Child, Monaco, 27 April-1 May 2000

- Sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the General Assembly special session on children

- Egyptian delegation presenting Egypt's report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, 15 January 2001

- Arab Regional Seminar of NGOs working for children, Rabat, Morocco, 16-18 February 2001

- Third World Summit on Media for Children, Greece, 24-26 March 2001

- Arab African Conference on the Prevention of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Rabat, 24-27 October 2001

- Second World Congress against the Elimination of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Yokohama, Japan, December 2001

- Egyptian delegation to the Technical Advisory Standing Committee on Children, League of Arab States, elected twice as Chair of the Committee

Member of the Egyptian delegation to a number of international Conferences such as:

- United Nations General Assembly 1968-1970

- Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries Movement Georgetown, Guyana, August 1972

- Inter-Parliamentary Union Meeting on the Arab-European inter-parliamentary dialogue, Lisbon, October 1991

- Davos seminar, Prague, 1993

- UNCTAD

- Summit of Non-Alignment Movement, Durban, South Africa, 1998

Supervised and participated in the preparation of the following studies:

- National Strategy for the Protection and Rehabilitation of Street Children in Egypt, July 2002

- National Plan of Action on the Welfare and Development of Childhood and Motherhood. Incorporated in the Fifth Egyptian Five Year National Plan of Social and Economic Development (2002-2007), March 2002

- National Plan of Action on Girls Education, March 2002

- Egypt's report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the follow-up to the World Summit for Children, November 2000

- Situation analysis of Egyptian Children and Women 2002

- General Assembly resolution on uniting for peace and its application, 1971

- MA thesis, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, United States of America.

Hatem KOTRANE (Tunisia)

**Date and place of birth:** 25 July 1954, Tunis

**Working languages:** English, Arabic and French

**Current position/situation:**

Professor-Director, Department of Private Law in the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Social Sciences, University of Tunis. Commission on Human Rights independent expert on the question of a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

**Main professional activities:**

1993-2000 Expert consultant for UNICEF, in particular providing support for the drafting of State reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Tunisia (1994 and 1999), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1997) and Oman (1998); and at numerous seminars on various subjects related to the rights of the child (Beirut, 1997; Riyadh, 1997; Muscat, 1998; Tehran, 2000)

1993-1999 ILO expert consultant for the revision of labour law in Yemen (Sanaa - 2001), Lebanon (Beirut - 1993 and 1999) and Kuwait (Kuwait City - 1996-1997); for the preparation of labour law in Palestine (Ramallah - 1995 and 1998); and for moderating round-table discussions on international labour standards (Amman - 1997) and on the resolution of collective labour disputes (Muscat - 1997)

Director of the National Institute of Labour and Social Studies (INTES), University of Tunis 3, 1991-1997

Professor of private law since 1988

Senior lecturer in private law since 1984 (passed the agrégation competitive examination in private law, session of 1984)

Assistant lecturer in private law since 1982

**Educational background:**

Doctorate in social law, 1982, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, thesis on the subject of public order in international social law

Diplôme d'études approfondies (D.E.A.) in private international law and international commerce, 1981, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Diplôme d'études approfondies (D.E.A.) in social law, 1978, University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Degree in private law, 1977, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tunis

**Other relevant activities:**

Scientific and legal adviser of the Arab Institute of Human Rights (since 1999)

President of the Conference of Arab States on the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme, UNESCO, Tunis, 1996

Founding member and Vice-President of the Tunisian Association of Social Law (1985-1995)

Consultant and arbiter (domestic and international arbitration)

General Rapporteur of the Conference of French-speaking Countries, in preparation for the World Conference on Human Rights, Libreville (Gabon), 1993

Member of the official delegation of Tunisia to the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993

Member of the Higher Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (since 1991)

Visiting professor at the Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV (1989), and the University of Nice (1990), and associate professor at the University of Paris VII (1991)

Executive member of the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security (since 1987)

**Most recent publications in the field:**

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| 2002 | Report of the independent expert on the question of a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (document E/CN.4/2002/57, 12 February 2002) |
| 2002 | La justiciabilité des droits culturels, report submitted to the "Diversité et droits culturels" round table organised by the International Organisation of la Francophonie in collaboration with the Arab Institute of Human Rights, Tunis, 21-23 September 2002 (forthcoming) |
| 2001-2002 | Droit des obligations: le contrat et la responsabilité civile, CPU, Tunis (in preparation) |
| 2001-2002 | Traité de droit du travail tunisien, CPU, Tunis (in preparation) |
| 2000 | Le droit tunisien du travail et les mutations internationales, in Mélanges Habib Ayadi, CPU, Tunis |

2000 Liberté, égalité, solidarité: actualité en droit du travail, in Mélanges Mohamed Charfi, CPU, Tunis (forthcoming)

2000 Mondialisation de l'économie et défi de la cohésion sociale, CPU, Tunis

2000 "The Tunisian child protection code: general principles and protection mechanisms", lecture given in Tehran as part of the training seminar organized under UNICEF auspices (Tehran)

Stratégie de promotion de l'intégration nationale et de l'harmonie sociale: éducation aux droits de l'homme, rôle des media et rôle de la société civile, research paper for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, expert seminar on "The prevention of ethnic and racial conflicts in Africa", 4-6 October 2000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

1999 Le code de protection de l'enfant (annotated), UNICEF publications, Tunis

1999 "Le droit à l'éducation des catégories vulnérables dans le respect de leur identité: le cas des enfants immigrés", lecture given in Messina (Italy) as part of the international seminar organized by the International Centre for Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Research and Studies, UNESCO (forthcoming)

1998 "La clause sociale, vue d'en bas", in Dimension sociale de la mondialisation de l'Economie", Comptrasec publication, Montesquieu University of Bordeaux IV

1997 "Les droits économiques, sociaux et culturels entre les espaces de la famille, de l'école et de l'entreprise", speech addressed on 10 December to the President of the Tunisian Republic on the occasion of World Human Rights Day, published in the Revue tunisienne de droit, 1997

1997 "Vers un nouveau droit de la mobilité", in Journées de l'entreprise, publication of the Arab Institute of Company Directors

1996 "Le Code de protection de l'enfant: Principes généraux et mécanismes de protection", in Arab Review of Human Rights, 1996

1995 Législation du travail, flexibilité du marché du travail et besoins de l'entreprise, in Travaux préparatoires au IXème plan de développement économique, Etude stratégique No. 10, Tunis

1995 Introduction à l'étude du droit, C.E.R.P, Tunis

1995 "Protection of the child in Tunisian labour law: current situation and prospects", in Public hearings on international child labour, U.S. Department of Labour, Washington, 1995

1993 La Tunisie et les droits de l'enfant, UNICEF publications, Tunis

Lothar Friedrich KRAPPMANN (Germany)

**Date and place of birth:** 19 November 1936, Kiel, Germany

**Working languages:** English, German

**Current position/function:**

Professor of Sociology of Education at the Freie Universität, Berlin/Germany

Guest researcher (post-retirement) at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education

Principal investigator for a study of inequality among children (German Research Foundation)

Member of several advisory boards in the field of child development and education

**Main professional activities:**

Co-opted member (1989-2000) of the board of directors of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, Berlin. From 1975-2002 researcher with the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education. Chairman of the expert commission that prepared the 10th German Report on Children and Youth (published 1998). Guest lecturer at universities in India, Japan, Switzerland and the United States of America. Since 1982 Professor of Sociology of Education at the Freie Universität, Berlin

**Education background:**

1969 Ph D in Sociology and Modern History, Freie Universität, Berlin

1961 MA in Philosophy and Theology at St. George's College, Frankfurt am Main

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Active member of national and international academic associations such as the Society for Research on Child Development and the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development. Initiator/member of and adviser to committees and groups concerned with promoting children's education, daycare and welfare

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

2002, Education as the means of children's and adolescents' empowerment (in Münchmeyer et al. (eds.)); 2001, Towards a culture of development (in Konrad, (ed.)); 1997, co-editor, Pre-schools under examination. The search for a situational approach to children's education; 1995, Everyday life of primary school students (all in German)

Yanghee LEE (Republic of Korea)

**Date and place of birth:** 24 July 1956, Seoul, Korea

**Working languages:** Korean, English, French (some Spanish and Chinese)

**Current position/function:**

Dean of School of Human Life Sciences at Sungkyunkwan University

Director of Graduate Studies of School of Human Life Sciences at Sungkyunkwan University

Director of The Institute of Human Life Sciences at Sungkyunkwan University

Professor of Department of Child Psychology and Education at Sungkyunkwan University

**Main professional activities:**

Korean Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Governing Director)

Korean Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (member)

Korean Council for Children's Right (Governing Director)

Korean Society of Developmental Psychology (member)

Committee on Child Welfare for City of Seoul

Committee on Social Welfare for City of Seoul

Korean Association of Child Studies (member)

Council for Exceptional Children (United States of America) (member)

Citizen's Coalition for Economic Justice Committee on Children's Environment

Korean Safety Education Association (adviser)

**Educational background:**

B.S. degree in French (minor in Chinese), Georgetown University, United States of America

M.D in Early Childhood Education for the Handicapped, University of Missouri-Columbia, United States of America

PhD in Early Childhood Education for the Handicapped (support area in Child and Family Development), University of Missouri-Columbia, United States of America

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Citizen's Coalition for Economic Justice, Committee on Children's Environment

Analysis and monitoring safety of public playgrounds

Korean Safety Education Association (adviser)

Monitoring safety of play environment

Save the Children Korea (workshop co-work)

Continuous lobby work directed at Korean lawmakers

Development of a human rights education programme for young children

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Indicators of Korean children's well-being (2002), Hakjee: Korea

Nature and effect of child abuse found in young children in family protective services (2001), Journal of Korean Council for Children's Rights

National Survey of Child Abuse (2000), Journal of Korean Council for Children's Rights

Indicators of children's rights: education and care (1998), Journal of Korean Council for Children's Rights

Norberto I. LIWSKI (Argentina)

**Date and place of birth:** 22 March 1946, Federal Capital, Argentine Republic

**Working languages:** Spanish and English

**Current position/function:**

President, National Council on Children, Adolescents and the Family, Ministry of Social Development, 2002 (Secretary of State rank)

**Main professional activities:**

Director, "Adolescence and Juvenile Citizenship: Rights and Contradictions" refresher programme, Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires, 2001-present

Adviser to the Chamber of Deputies Commission on the Family, Children and Women, 1999-2001

Director of Studies, Master's course on minors' affairs, Universidad Notarial Argentina, 1998-2001

Technical team coordinator for the project "Situational diagnosis and preparation of a plan of action for children and adolescents in high-risk situations", Puerto Quequén, Necochea, 1998

Technical team coordinator, Association of the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, 1982-1989

Local health systems adviser, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 1982

**Educational background:**

Social Paediatrician (National Register 38660), Universidad Nacional de la Plata, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

**Other main activities in the field of relevance to the treaty body concerned:**

Member of the Organisation of American States (OAS) Inter-American Children's Institute Executive Committee

President, Argentine section, Defensa de los Niños Internacional

Coordinator of the Provincial Plan on Teenagers, Schools and Social Integration, Office of the Under-Secretary for Education, Central Department for Culture and Education, Buenos Aires province, 2001

Director of the distance-learning course "Juvenile sectors and social and family problems", 1996

Director of the distance-learning course "Social and youth development and participation", 1996

Sponsor, Spanish National Distance-Learning University

Director of Studies, Master's course on minors' affairs and the family, Lomas de Zamora National University, 1990 to 1995

**Most recent publications in the field:**

La Protección de los Derechos Humanos hacia el Tercer Milenio, Dr. Norberto I. Liwski (compiler), CODESEDH, 2001

Educación para la Salud, Prevención de Violencia Familiar, mimeo, 2000

Investigación: Venta y Tráfico de Niños en la Argentina, a Defensa de los Niños Internacionales (DNI) publication, Office of the Secretary for Human and Family Development, Ministry of Health and Social Action, Argentine Republic, 1988

Awa N'Deye OUEDRAOGO (Burkina Faso)

**Date and place of birth:** 3 September 1954

**Working languages:** French and English

**Current position/function:**

Member (Vice-Chairman), Committee on the Rights of the Child

Technical Adviser, Ministry for the Promotion of Human Rights

Member of the Burkina Faso delegation to the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children

**Main professional activities:**

Chairman, Committee on the Rights of the Child (2000-2001)

Vice-Chairman, Committee on the Rights of the Child (2001-present)

Member of the National Committee on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1998-present)

Member of the UNICEF Executive Board, New York (1989-1996)

Vice-President, UNICEF Executive Board, New York (1995)

Involved in the production of the National Guide to the Rights of the Child and the strategic framework for the National Plan of Action to promote and protect the rights of the child, Ouagadougou (2000-2002)

**Educational background:**

Doctorate in Linguistics, University of Paris III, Sorbonne (1983)

Diploma of Advanced Studies in Linguistics, University of Paris III, Sorbonne (1980)

Certificate in child psychology, Ouagadougou (1978)

United Nations delegates' training course, New York (1990)

World Bank training course on macro/microeconomic policy

Training course on the rights of the child (1997)

**Other main activities in the field of relevance to the treaty body concerned:**

Present at the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Attended the World Summit for Children and the preparatory meetings (1989-1990)

Special Session of the General Assembly on Children, New York (2002)

African Conference on the Rights of the Child and Poverty, Yaoundé (2001)

World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban (2001)

Second Conference on Children's Rights in Education, Victoria (2001)

**Most recent publications in the field of relevance to the treaty body concerned:**

Le travail des enfants (2002)

Le trafic et l'exploitation des enfants en Afrique (2001)

Les droits de l'enfant et la pauvreté (2000)

Les filles et les droits de l'enfant (2001)

La Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant: dix ans après (2001)

Ann Therese NDONG-JATTA (Gambia)

**Date and place of birth:** 22 June 1956

**Nationality:** Gambian

**Marital status:** Married

**Current position:** Secretary of State for Education

**Education and training:**

Bayero University, Nigeria: BA (Combined honours English and History), Certificate in Education, 1977-1980

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN MSc., (United States of America), Educational Leadership, 1983-1985

Harvard Graduate School, Certificate in Educational Policy Analysis, June-July 1996

Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration, Certificate, Executive Leadership Programme, July 1999

Master's Degree Thesis Topic: Comparative Analysis of Student Achievement in Developed Countries and Developing Countries

**Work experience:**

Secretary of State for Education, 1999-present

Director of Secondary and Tertiary Education, July 1997-1999

Chief Education Officer, January 1996-1999

Deputy Chief Education Officer - Planning, April 1995-1996

Principal, St. Peter's High School, April 1985-1995

Graduate teacher, St. Peter's, September 1980-1982

Unqualified teacher, St. Joseph's High School, September 1976-1977

**Other work experience and responsibilities:**

Coordinator of the Education Sector Policy Review and Formulation of the Master Plan, 1996-2003

Chairperson, West African Examinations Council National Committee, 1996-1999

Secretary, St. Peter's High School Board of Governors, 1986-1995

Chairperson, St. Joseph's High School Board of Governors, 1992-1995

Member, WAEC National Committee, 1988-1990

Member, National Vocational and Technical Education Council, 1986-1990

Trainer of trainers for Family Life Education, 1987-1993

Coordinator, Catholic Church National Family Planning Programme, 1986-1993

Trainer of education managers and heads of school, 1986-1991

Rosa María ORTIZ (Paraguay)

**Date and place of birth:** 28 September 1952, Asunción, Paraguay

**Working languages:** Spanish, English (understands Portuguese, Italian, French)

**Current position/function:**

Deputy Director of the non-governmental organization Global ... Infancia. Programme coordinator for the institution (rights of the child in local government; municipal rights-of-the-child boards; child domestic labour; child organization and attendance at school; police commitment to children's rights)

**Main professional activities:**

Activities to uphold and protect the rights of the child generally

Drafting of national laws and municipal bylaws; institutional adaptation of the National Police; adaptation of educational reforms as regards participation by children; action to combat trafficking in children; strengthening of legal adoption; defending and promoting children's rights in 100 municipal governments; publicity campaigns; child domestic labour; annual national gathering on the rights of the child

**Educational background:**

Completed the coursework on social communication at the Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Catholic University, Asunción (thesis in preparation)

**Other main activities in the field of relevance to the treaty body concerned:**

Represents the Coordinator for non-governmental organizations concerned with the rights of the child on the Adoption Centre Board (governing body)

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Adopción internacional o tráfico de niños? (International adoption or trafficking in children?)

Trabajo infantil doméstico - Criaditas (Child domestic labour - housemaids) (with other authors)

En la calle - Street children in Asunción

Awich POLLAR (Uganda)

**Age:** 32

**Sex:** Male

**Nationality:** Ugandan

**Education:**

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| 1995 | Ntare School, Uganda Advanced Level Certificate |
| 1995-1999 | Makerere University, Bachelor of Laws |
| 1989 | Certificate in AIDS/HIV Counselling |
| 1990 | Certificate in Military Studies: Cadet, Tanzania Military Team |
| 2000 | Certificate in Parliamentary Affairs and Legal Drafting |

**Other courses:**

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| 1986 | Basic Cadre Course, School of Political Education, Entebbe |
| 1986 | Advanced Cadre Course, School of Political Education, Entebbe |

**Concurrent previous appointments while studying:**

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| 1987 | Political Commissar Army Shop |
| 1988 | Political Commissar Kiburara Organization Unit |
| 1989 | Political Commissar 302 Brigade |
| 1995 | Political Commissar UPDF transport battalion (during first year at Makerere University) |

**Current appointment:**

Legal Counsel in the Movement Secretariat

The functions of the Legal Counsel are:

- To advise the Chairman of the Movement (H.E. the President) and the directors of the Movement on legal issues;

- To carry out legal education on behalf of the Movement among the populace;
- To carry out peace education leading to peace talks (the Maj. Gen. Bamuje talk) as an example;
- To follow up all the bills coming up in Parliament and advise the Movement;
- To suggest necessary amendments in line with Movement ideas;
- To handle all day-to-day complaints on legal issues from civilians when they fail to obtain remedies from other arms of Government;
- To oversee the compliance of Government (UPDF) with the international laws and protocols, recruitment of children in the army

**Other political activities:**

Joined NRM as a freedom fighter and, being a child soldier, was rehabilitated

Contested parliamentary elections twice (1996 and 2001)

**Extra-curricular activities:**

Chairman, Makerere University Study Group, 1996 (which was inaugurated by H.E. Yoweri Museveni)

Lucy SMITH (Norway)

**Date and place of birth:** 12 October 1934, Oslo

**Working languages:** Fluent in Norwegian and English; some French

**Current position/functions:**

Professor of Law, University of Oslo, Norway

Chairperson, Norwegian Institute of Human Rights

Vice-President, European University Association

**Main professional activities:**

Teaching and research at the University of Oslo, as a full-time professor, in Child Law, Human Rights Law and Law of Contracts

Lectures on the rights of the child in the other Nordic countries

Activities related to the vice-presidency of the European University Association, including board meetings, seminars, conferences and lectures, etc.

Activities connected with being member of different boards and councils in various organizations and companies, public as well as private

**Educational background:**

Cand. jur. (Norwegian Law degree), University of Oslo, 1959

Doctor juris (Doctorate in Law), University of Oslo, 1981

**Present and previous work in/for humanitarian organizations:**

Adviser to UNICEF, Norway

Adviser to the Ombudsman for Children in Norway

Member of the Board and Council of Norwegian Branch of SOS Children's Villages

Member of the Board of the Red Cross Contact Telephone for Children in Norway

Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute on Family and Neighbourhood Life, Clemson University, South Carolina, United States of America

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Parents and Children, 5th revised ed., Oslo 1998 (in Norwegian)

Norwegian social welfare legislation and human rights (article in Norwegian)

Human rights for children, Festschrift/article, to be published in February 2003 (in English)

**Ms. Smith also submitted a separate CV containing details of her activities in the field relevant to the treaty body concerned.**

Nathan STIRLING (Australia)

**Date and place of birth:** 16 June 1959

**Working language:** English

**Current position/function:**

Mr. Nathan Stirling is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Open Family Australia, a 25-year-old not-for-profit organization providing street outreach services to children and young people. Open Family Australia places a strong emphasis on child advocacy issues, and holds special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council

**Main professional activities:**

Mr. Stirling has been working in the child and youth welfare area for over 20 years, first as a high school teacher and then as an outreach worker. He has been the CEO of Open Family Australia since 1992. Mr. Stirling was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1993 and studied best practice in youth welfare in Europe and the United States of America. In 1999, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his management and development of youth welfare programmes. Mr. Stirling is a regular expert commentator in the Australian media on youth welfare issues and he has presented at various conferences, both in Australia and overseas, including those of the World Bank and the United Nations. Mr. Stirling is also a director on the board of Child Wise Ltd. (the representative organization of the international NGO, ECPAT, in Australia), a member of the Victoria Police Youth External Affairs Reference Group, an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Emeritus Trustee of the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia

**Educational background:**

In addition to tertiary qualifications in Education and Asian Studies, Mr. Stirling has recently completed the requirements for the Master of Management degree through the Australian Institute of Management and the Norwegian Management School BI. Mr. Stirling is a graduate of the Mt. Eliza Business School course in Association Management and an alumnus of the highly regarded leadership course conducted by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Mr. Stirling's activities in the field relevant to the Committee's mandate are centred on his work with Open Family Australia as an advocate for street children and in developing programmes to assist these children. Of particular note is Open Family's development of a licensing model to promote the intellectual capital of non-for-profit organizations and build social capital within local communities by the deployment of street outreach workers. This model was a finalist in the World Banks' Development Marketplace competition in 2000 for innovative partnerships in the fight against poverty. Also of note is a new project designed to enable street children to

engage actively with community leaders to create forums in which they can voice their perspective on issues and policies affecting them. In his association with Child Wise Ltd Mr. Stirling is also involved in the work of ECPAT to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

"The Power of One", Parity, Council to Homeless Persons, Melbourne (1999)

"The Business of Welfare", Committee for the Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) Bulletin (July 2000)

"A Plea for Compassion and Creativity", in The Heroin Crisis, Bookman Press, Melbourne (2000)

Mr. Stirling has also presented papers on issues affecting street children and street outreach methodology to a number of international conferences, including:

- 18th International Federation of Non-Government Organizations Conference for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (Brisbane, Australia, 2000)
- First International Youth Services Models Conference (Adelaide, Australia, 2000)
- Street Children Initiatives Conference of the World Bank (Washington, 2000)
- National Network for Youth Symposium (Washington, 2001)

Marjorie TAYLOR (Jamaica)

**Date and place of birth:** 7 June 1950, Kingston, Jamaica

**Working language:** English

**Current position/function:**

Ambassador, Special Envoy for Children's Affairs with responsibility for the following units within the Ministry of Health: The Children's Services Division, The Adoption Board, The Child Support Unit, Places of Safety, Children's Homes (Public and Private)

Responsibility for the Child Development Agency

**Main professional activities:**

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| 1998-present | Government Liaison with NGOs on children's affairs |
| 1992-1997 | Member of Parliament for East Kingston and Port Royal |
| 1989-1991 | Government Senator |
| 1979-1989 | Chairman, Kingston and Saint Andrew Corporation, Civic Committee<br>Chairman, Kingston and Saint Andrew Corporation, Building Committee |
| 1975-1989 | Special Assistant to the Prime Minister |

**Educational background:**

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| 1984-1986 | University of the West Indies, Certificate in Public Administration |
| 1977-1979 | University of Technology, Diploma in Building Inspection |
| 1969-1969 | Camperdown High School |

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body:**

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| 2002-2002 | Vice-Chairman, Inter-American Children's Institute |
| 1992-1999 and 2002-present | Member of the UNICEF Executive Board |
| 2000 | Chairman and Coordinator of Fifth Ministerial Meeting on Children and Social Policy in the Americas |
| 1992-1997 | Minister of State with responsibility for Children's Affairs and Local Government |

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| 1989-1991 | Parliamentary Secretary with responsibility for Children's Affairs and Local Government |
| 1995 | Head of delegation to the Committee on the Rights of the Child; Chairman, Caribbean Consultations on Children and their Families; Head of delegation, Regional Seminar against Sexual Exploitation of Children, Sweden |

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

Coordinated the preparation and publication of The Jamaican National Plan of Action for Children, The Jamaican National Policy on Children

Preparation of Jamaica's End-of-Decade Review of the follow-up to the World Summit for Children

Velina TODOROVA (Bulgaria)

**Date and place of birth:** 3 May 1958, Shumen, Bulgaria

**Working language:** English (fluent) and Russian

**Current position:**

State of Agency for Children Protection - Director of Department for International Cooperation and Programmes

Assistant Professor of Family Law, Law Faculty, Plovdiv University

**Main professional activities:**

Monitoring process under the Convention on the Rights of the Child - drafting of the initial report (1997) and the second periodic report (2001-2002); member of the governmental delegation presenting the former before the Committee (Geneva, 6-7 January 1997)

Drafting of the Child Protection Act (1997-2000) - member of the experts group, expert to the Parliamentary Commission, NGO lobbyist

Legal expert to the UNDP/World Bank team dealing with the social assessment of the public care for children in Bulgaria (2000)

Academic - teaching Children's Rights courses in three law faculties in the country; member of the International Society of Family Law; delivered papers at international conferences in Prague (1997), Onati (1998), Budapest (2001), Copenhagen/Oslo (2002)

**Educational background:**

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| 2001, July | FL/Children's Rights, Oxford University, United Kingdom. Academic adviser - Mr. John Eekelaar, member of the British Academy |
| 1997, 1 semester | International Human Rights Law, Department of Law, University of Nottingham |
| 1997, November | International Human Rights Law, The Hague, Netherlands |
| 1996, April-May | Socio-Legal Protection of Children, University of West London |
| 1989 | Ph D |
| 1981 | Law Faculty, Sofia University |

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Expert to the Council of Europe (2002): Working Group on Children, Democracy and Participation in Society of the Forum for Children and Families (1996-1997); Health and Social Policy Division, Coordinated Research Programme "The Crisis of the Welfare State: How to Respect and Guarantee the Social Rights of Individuals whilst Controlling the Costs", two field visits/reports to the Czech and Slovak Republics

NGO activists: project manager for the Bulgarian Association of Women in Legal Professions of two small and one large project, Bulgarian-British Children Initiative, Phare-Democracy 97/6038 and Regional programme on the establishing of a South-East European Child Rights Network (SEECRAN); member of the Executive Committee, two field visits to Albania and Serbia and two country reports. 1999: expert to the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation/UNDP on the Bulgarian country report: on follow-up to United Nations conference and summits. 2001: member of the Expert Group to the Commission on European Family Law. 2000: expert for the International Helsinki Federation on the status of women's rights in Bulgaria

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

The Bulgarian Child Protection Act: The Start of Child Welfare Reform, in The International Survey of Family Law, Andrew Bainham (ed.), Jordan Publishers, 2002

The Child Protection Act and the development of the legal capacity of the child, Savremenno pravo, 6/2000r

Bulgarian Children Act - Battlefield for Adult Policies or a Genuine Commitment to Children, in Mavis Maclean (ed.), Making Law for Families, Hart Publishing, 2000

The draft for child protection and the public attitudes towards the policy for children in Bulgaria, The International Journal of Children Rights, 8, Kluwer Law International, 2000

Family Law in Bulgaria: Legal Norms and Social Norms, International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family, Oxford University Press, vol. 14, No. 2, 2000

Child Abuse - the Bulgarian Case, in Overcoming Child Abuse: A Window on a World Problem, Michael Freeman (ed.), Ashgate, Dartmouth (United Kingdom), 2000

Foster Family - The concept and the status according to the draft Family Law Code, Pravna Misal, 4/1999

Decision of the European Court for Human Rights on the case 27496/1995 and its impact on the Bulgarian Family Law, Human Rights, 4/1998

Parents, children and child protection under the Bulgarian law, Social Work in Europe, vol. 3, 3/19996

Grounds for public intervention in the child-parent relationship, Pravna Misal, 3/1996

Do we need a modern law for social protection of children?, Obstestveno vaspitanie, 3/1995

and 22 others

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**Date and place of birth:** 2 August 1955, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

**Working languages:** English, French. Mother tongue Serbian (also speaks and understands most of the other south-Slavic languages)

**Current position/function:**

President of the Child Rights Centre - Belgrade (The Centre). The overall goal of the Centre is the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Centre's activities are focused on introducing such laws, policies and practices that enable the improvement of children's well-being, the protection of their rights and their full participation in society. Specifically, the Centre works on: raising awareness on the importance of child rights and relevant international law and practice; scientific and professional research in the domain of child rights; education of professionals, parents and children; carrying out programmes in specific areas of child rights and encouraging improvements of child rights. Through its Information, Research and Education and Child Rights Policy Development sectors, the Centre has organized over 100 seminars, training and round tables in Yugoslavia and Europe; "published several dozen books, magazines, manuals and reports, advocated for ratification of several child-related international treaties, provided reports on the situation of children in the FRY, initiated substantial reforms and policies in the area of juvenile justice and social protection of children, and carried out many other activities

Special Adviser on the rights of the child to the Yugoslav Federal Government Commission for Cooperation with UNICEF

Adviser to the Ministry of Education on democratization of education and civic education

Founding member and member of the Governing Board of the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights; Member of the Yugoslav Branch of the International Law Association

Member of the Council for Human Rights of Centre for Anti-War Action in Belgrade

**Main professional activities:**

Since 1997 with the Child Rights Centre - Belgrade (originally Yugoslav Child Rights Centre), the first and the only organization in Yugoslavia devoted exclusively to the promotion and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as a founder and head of the organization. The scope of work includes managing, planning, evaluating and actually participating in all activities of the Centre. It also includes lots of research writing and teaching (seminars, faculties, schools)

Between 1993 and 1997, worked as an independent human rights lawyer (member of the Belgrade Bar Association)

In 1992-1993 was a senior counsellor in the Federal Ministry for Human and Minority Rights in charge of communication with international human rights governmental and non-governmental organizations and bodies

Between 1985 and 1992 worked as senior adviser to the Serbian Government Secretariat for International Relations

Began professional career in 1979 in the Belgrade Municipal Administration, where she stayed until 1985 dealing with legal aspects of various social and educational programmes

**Educational backgrounds:**

Graduated from the Belgrade University Law School in 1978

Bar exam 1983

LLM in international law at the Belgrade University Law School - "Activities of the International Labour Organization in protection of social rights"

Ph D from the Belgrade University Law School - "The Rights of the Child and International Law" (published in 2000)

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

Coordinated and prepared the alternative report on the rights of the child in FRY, in 1993

With Belgrade Centre for Human Rights organized seminars and lectures on the Convention, its procedures and the rights of the child

With the Child Rights Centre participated in numerous programmes regarding promotion, protection and relevant legislation

Lobbied for the ratification of the Optional Protocols to the Convention and in charge of developing indicators and creating child policy in FRY and South-East Europe

Prepared independent overall report on the exercise of the rights of the child in FRY (1996-2002)

Coordinated establishment of SEECRAN (South-East European Child Rights Action Network), which enabled links and activities among more than 80 child-related organizations in the region

Participated in numerous national and international seminars, meetings, round tables and conferences relating to the Convention and child rights in general

Attended several discussion days of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and worked on the follow-up in FRY and the region

Participated in numerous training courses and seminars in the field of human rights, international law and NGO development

**List of most recent publications:**

The Rights of the Child and International Law (The Yugoslav Child Rights Centre, 2000)

Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (The Yugoslav Child Rights Centre and UNICEF, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002; a manual for implementation, translated also into Hungarian and Albanian

The Situation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the Child in the FRY (Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, 1999)

Selected International Instruments on the Rights of the Child (The Yugoslav Child Rights Centre, 1999)

Juvenile Justice in International Law, with Special Reference to Juvenile Delinquents (The Yugoslav Review of International Law, 1997)

Rights of the Child - Global and Yugoslav Prospective (Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, 1997)

and many other articles, reports and reviews in Yugoslav and foreign publications, magazines and newspapers

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